

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

June 9, 2025 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, June 9, 2025. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Froemming, Rutten, and Ledermann. Also, in attendance were Soil Conservationist- Cole Montgomery, County Commissioner Way, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Arceneau, Jenc, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular May 12 meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve the minutes, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Froemming to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – No Report meeting on Friday.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten mentioned they met on May 15th where they reviewed the Grants and Finances.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – No Report – Next Meeting June 20th
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No Report
- F. DCLA Report** – No Report
- G. Long Prairie Report** – No Report
- H. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Way mentioned he attended the AMC meeting June 13. They finalized the HR position by splitting delegations.

Old Business

- A. MASWCD Call for Resolutions-** No resolutions to submit
- B. Area II Meeting June 25 Prairie Woods** – Barsness, Dropik, Rutten and Ledermann will attend.

New Business

- A. NRCS Field Office** Cole Montgomery mentioned the NRCS summer intern Rylee Bundermann started on May 16th. Most of her duties will consist of CRP reviews and HEL Compliance Reviews. Now 100% obligated with the initial CSP & EQIP. Ended up having 2 ag wastes back out from funding. Engineering & cost for the projects never really came through for those this year, will try again next year potentially. Requested 10 million in extra EQIP dollars in the April fund assessment. 2 scheduled basin projects for the spring have been completed and almost paid out. They will have some pit closures begin soon as well. Getting close to being complete with all the spring practices scheduled, just have a couple more wildlife plantings to go. Received the 5% list for HEL & Wetland compliance this year.

Rylee and Alison will be working on those in Douglas and around the area.

B. Cost Share Applications

1. **FY25 NRBG #6 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Township Section 33 Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY25NRBG Septic Funds** Motion by Rutten to approve FY25 NRBG #6 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Township Section 33 Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY25 NRBG Septic Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
2. **FY25 NRBG #7 Low Income Septic Update LaGrande Township Section 7 Cost Share Flat Rate \$12,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds** Motion by Ledermann to approve FY25 NRBG #7 Low Income Septic Update LaGrande Township Section 7 Cost Share Flat Rate \$12,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
3. **FY25 NRBG #8 Low Income Septic Update Spruces Hill Township Section 12. Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds** Motion by Dropik to approve FY25 NRBG #8 Low Income Septic Update Spruces Hill Township Section 12. Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
4. **CR-WBIF 24-25 -018 Evansville Township Section 4 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$26,525.00 Cost Share 75% \$19,893.75, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds** Motion by Froemming to approve CR-WBIF 24-25 -018 Evansville Township Section 4 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$26,525.00 Cost Share 75% \$19,893.75, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.
5. **CR-WBIF 24-25-017 Evansville Township Section 5 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$32,056.25 Cost Share 75% \$24,042.18, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds** Motion by Rutten to approve CR-WBIF 24-25-017 Evansville Township Section 5 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$32,056.25 Cost Share 75% \$24,042.18, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
6. **CR-WBIF 24-25 -019 Solem Township Section 18 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$63,924.50 Cost Share 75% \$47,943.37, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds** Motion by Dropik to approve CR-WBIF 24-25 -019 Solem Township Section 18 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$63,924.50 Cost Share 75% \$47,943.37, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
7. **CR-WBIF 24-25-016 Solem Township Section 18 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$71,210.00 Cost Share 75% \$53,407.50, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds** Motion by Froemming to approve CR-WBIF 24-25-016 Solem Township Section 18 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$71,210.00 Cost Share 75% \$53,407.50, using FY 24 Chippewa WBIF Funds, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

C. Cost Share Payments

- 1 **Long Prairie WBIF Roger Dittberner Ag Waste Pit Closure Leaf Valley Township Section 24 Total Cost \$16,552.60 Cost Share 75% \$12,414.45, using Long Prairie WBIF Funds** Motion by Froemming to approve Long

Prairie WBIF Roger Dittberner Ag Waste Pit Closure Leaf Valley Township
Section 24 Total Cost \$16,552.60 Cost Share 75% \$12,414.45, using Long
Prairie WBIF Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

D. Soil Health Ranking Sheet. Motion by Ledermann to approve the Soil Health Ranking sheet and submit it to BWSR, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

E. Drop Seeder/Drag Motion by Rutten to purchase the Drop Seeder/Drag using LCMR funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

F. 20 Volt Impact Drill - Motion by Barsness to purchase 20 Volt brushless impact & sockets, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

G. Jessica Albertsen – 8 Year Review the Board appreciates the great work, Motion by Froemming to increase wage by \$1.60 per hour, seconded by Ledermann. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of June, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11840-11881 for a total of \$118,193.78 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Ledermann to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary